

In all cases, whether or not any appeal shall be taken by the applicant, the North Carolina State Commission for the Blind shall carefully examine such award or decision, as the case may be, and shall, in their discretion, approve, increase, allow or disallow any award so made. Immediately thereafter they shall notify the Board of County Commissioners and the applicant of such action, and if the award made by the Board of County Commissioners is changed, notice thereof shall be given by mail to the applicant and the Board of County Commissioners, giving the extent and manner in which any award has been changed.

State Commission may alter awards of County Commissioners, of its own motion.

Notice as to changes in awards.

If, in the absence of any appeal by the applicant, the North Carolina State Commission for the Blind shall make any order increasing or decreasing the award allowing or disallowing the same, the applicant or the Board of County Commissioners shall have the right, within ten days from notice thereof, to have such order reviewed by the members of the North Carolina State Commission for the Blind. The procedure in such cases shall be as provided in section five hereof on appeals to the commission by the applicant.

Right of review as to awards so altered by Commission.

SEC. 6. When the Board of County Commissioners is satisfied that the applicant is entitled to relief under the provisions of this Act, as provided in section three, they shall order necessary relief to be granted under the rules and regulations prescribed by the North Carolina State Commission for the Blind, but in no case in an amount to exceed thirty dollars per month to be paid from county, State and Federal funds available, said relief to be paid in monthly payments from funds hereinafter mentioned.

Amount of assistance authorized.

Paid in monthly installments.

At the time of fixing the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July first, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven, and annually thereafter, the Board of County Commissioners in each county shall, based upon such information as they are able to secure and with such information as may be furnished to them by the North Carolina State Commission for the Blind, estimate the number of needy blind persons in such county who shall be entitled to aid under the provisions of this Act and the total amount of such county's one-fourth part thereof required to be paid by such county. All such counties shall make an appropriation in their budgets which shall be found to be ample to pay their part of such payments and, at the time of levying other taxes, shall levy sufficient taxes for the payment of the same. This provision shall be mandatory on all of the counties in the State. Such taxes so levied shall be and hereby are declared to be for this special purpose and levied with the consent of the General Assembly. Any court of competent jurisdiction is authorized by mandamus to enforce the foregoing provisions. No funds shall be allocated to any county by the North Carolina State Commission for the Blind until the provisions hereof have been fully complied with by such county.

Source of funds.

County Commissioners of each county to levy tax to cover one-fourth estimated awards to persons in such county.

Provision mandatory.

Courts authorized to enforce compliance.

No allocation by State Commission until compliance.